

ABSTRACT  
BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE SYSTEM

5       The present invention relates to business  
intelligence systems. An enterprise's business  
intelligence may be embodied in business intelligence  
artefacts such as reports, queries, analytical documents,  
spreadsheets, etc. Over time, many of these documents are  
10       produced. The same artefacts may be produced by different  
departments in an enterprise. This is an inefficient use  
of resources. Further, when a user is producing an  
artefact, they add their own knowledge to the artefact (in  
the form of table names, column names, etc, that they have  
selected themselves using their business knowledge). This  
15       knowledge is not accessible.

20       The present invention provides a system and method  
which enables this knowledge to be accessed, by analysing  
the artefacts which are produced by an enterprise and  
producing metadata which can be queried to access the  
knowledge locked up in the artefacts.